Remarks

On page 2 of the Office action, restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. 121: group I, Claims 1-23 and 44; group II, Claims 24-39; group III, Claims 40-42; and group IV, Claim 43. Applicants herein elect without travers the invention set forth in group I, Claims 1-23 and 44. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of group II, Claims 24-39; group III, Claims 40-42; group IV, Claim 43; and similar claims in continuing applications. Claims 24-43 have been canceled. Twenty-four (24) claims remain pending in the application.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Victoria A. Poissant, should any issues remain after consideration and entry of this response, in order to permit early resolution of such issues.

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